

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 18, as follows:

The processor 304 can execute sequences of instructions contained in the main memory 306. Such instructions may be read into main memory 306 from another computer-readable medium, such as storage device 310. However, the computer-readable medium may include a floppy disk, a flexible disk, hard disk, magnetic tape, or any other magnetic medium, a CD-ROM, any other optical medium, punch cards, paper tape, any other physical medium with patterns of holes, a RAM, a PROM, an EPROM, a FLASH-EPROM, any other memory chip or cartridge, ~~a carrier wave embodied in an electrical, electromagnetic, infrared, or optical signal,~~ or any other medium from which a computer can read. Execution of the sequences of instructions contained in the main memory 306 causes the processor 304 to perform the process steps described below. In alternative embodiments, hard-wired circuitry may be used in place of or in combination with software instructions to implement the invention. Thus, embodiments of the invention are not limited to any specific combination of hardware circuitry and software.